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ENCOURAGING CROP OUTLOOK FOR FARMERS

RECENT RAINS GIVE PROMISE
OF RECORD YIELDS IN POLK
COUNTY PRODUCTS IS
PREDICTION.

HOPS MAY BREAK RECORD

Present Conditions of the Crop
Points to Tremendous Yield; Hay
Output Will Be Enormous; Grain
Fields Look Fine and Fruit Is
Flourishing.

That the recent copious rains which have visited this section during the past few days have been of inestimable benefit to the farmers of Polk county, and that never before in the history of the county has there been a more promising outlook for a bountiful harvest in almost all the products raised here, is the declaration of farmers and others who have occasion to familiarize themselves with conditions.

"I never saw the hops looking better than they do at this time," said an experienced grower yesterday. "I have had 15 years experience in hop raising in the valley and, while we have had some record yields in this crop in the past, there was never a better promise than right now. The vines are making a rapid growth and the present cool, damp weather is just what they need. The short spell of hot weather just passed, served to kill the lice and this following cool spell will do the crop a world of good."

Hay Yield Will Be Heavy.
Predictions made a few weeks ago were to the effect that the hay crop of Polk county stood a good chance to break all records, but the rains of the past week have made assurance doubly sure, and it is absolutely certain now that the yield will be tremendous. Nothing can intervene to prevent it. The spring weather has been peculiarly favorable to hay, and the grass attained a rank growth. With plenty of moisture in the ground the few days of warm weather simply sent the grass upward at a surprising rate. The stand too, is exceptionally heavy, it is said.

The present certainty of a heavy hay yield leads to the belief in many quarters that the price will be low, as reports of like probable big crops come from other sections of the state. The hay crop of 1911 was also a record one, and while hundreds of tons were damaged in the field after being cut by the early fall rains, it is reported that there is much of the crop still on hand in Portland and the prices quoted are not encouraging.

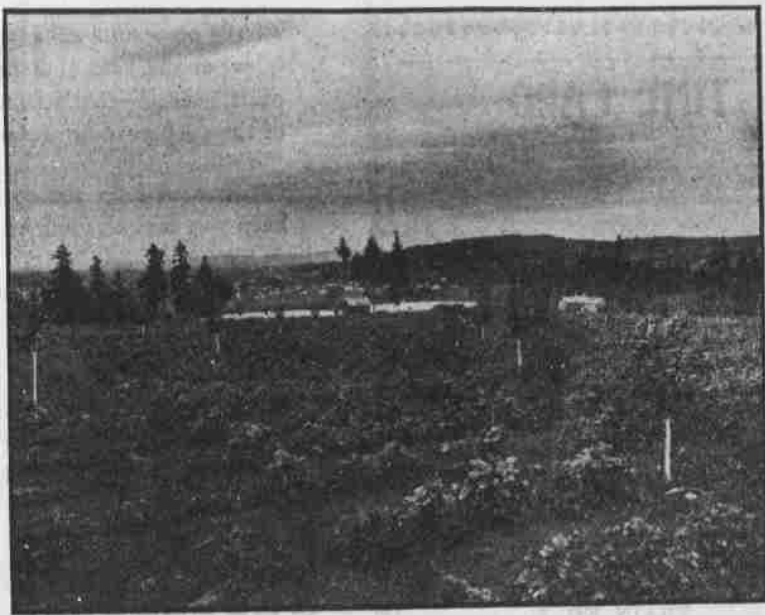
All varieties of small grain looks exceptionally promising and good yields are expected. Farmers are now hoping that the weather will become settled and remain favorable when harvesting shall begin, and not repeat the performance of last season when early rains greatly interfered with operations just at threshing and harvesting time and destroyed considerable grain in the field.

With the exception of prunes, all fruit crops look well. Earlier in the season, following cold rains, it was thought that the prune crop in Polk county would be very short, but later investigation of the trees bears out the belief that this section has fared much better than many others and that the yield will practically equal that of many other years, is the prediction. From Vancouver, Wash., and other sections comes the report that the crop will be practically a total failure this year. This indicated shortage is certain to stimulate the market and higher prices are looked for.

Band Concert Program.

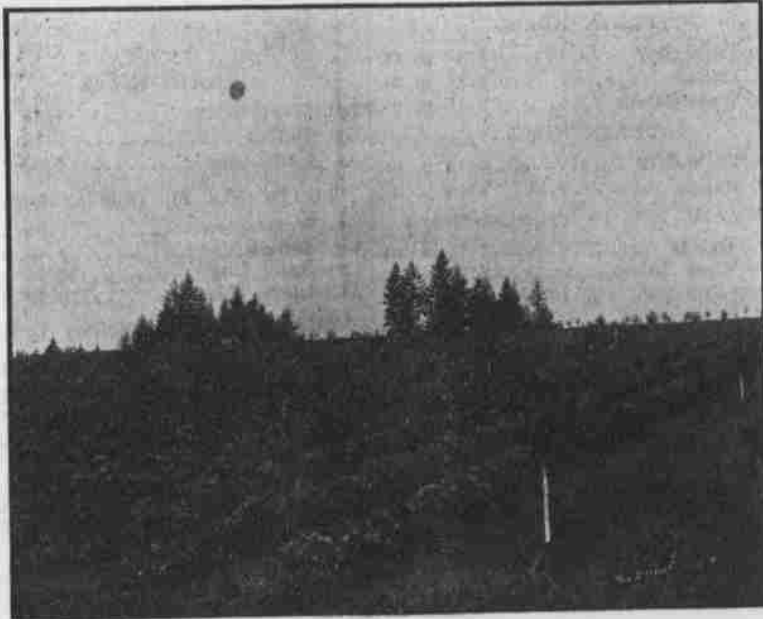
Saturday, June 15, 7:50 p. m.:
March, Co. G. O. N. G. (Dallas) Lane
Polka, The Jewel McFall
Overture, The Huntsman McFall
March, The Centaur King
"Joy to the World," Grand Sacred
Potpourri Barnhouse
Waltzes, "Flowers of the Wild-
wood" Skager
Two-Step-Sells Flute Lawrence

Views of the Famous Illihee Fruit Tracts on the Fertile "Red Hills" West of Dallas



These two views taken from different positions give a good idea of the productiveness of the "red hills" of Polk county. This tract is owned by W. V. Fuller and Oscar Hayter and comprises over four acres. It was cleared a short time ago of the oak grubs and fir trees and the strawberry plants shown were planted last February. The trees shown in the picture are cherries and have been planted about 15 months. The picture to the left shows the reservoir of the Dallas waterworks system with a portion of the city in the distance.

This view of the "Illihee Fruit Tracts" is taken from the road looking Northwest toward the crest of the hill. The sturdy growth of the vines is shown and the thrifty nature of the trees is at once apparent. Although this is the first year of yield for the plants it is estimated that more than 600 crates will be taken from the tract. The berries are of the Improved Clark Seedling, Gold Dollar and Magoon varieties and are exceptionally large, well formed and of fine flavor. These pictures are printed to show the fertility of the famous "red hills" for fruit culture.



SCHOOL ELECTION IMPORTANT

SUPERINTENDENT ALDERMAN
URGES GENERAL OBSERVANCE

Suggests Plan to Make Occasion
More Generally Recognized; Wants
School Patrons to Get Together.

Calling attention to the annual school election, which takes place on Monday in every district in the State of Oregon, and urging the patrons of the schools to make the occasion one in which to unite for the best interests of the schools and suggesting a way in which this result may be accomplished, State Superintendent L. R. Alderman has issued an address to the people of the state, which has been sent to the press. Superintendent Alderman says:

Superintendent's Address.
"To the patrons of Oregon schools: We do not attach sufficient importance to our annual school meeting. This year our annual meeting occurs June 17. On this day one director and the clerk are to be elected in every school district in Oregon, a matter of much importance to each community. I should be very glad, indeed, to find that many of the Oregon school districts were making the day of the annual school meeting an important occasion, and at the same time taking advantage of being together to talk over the problems of the schools."

Lunch at School House.
"The voting for director and clerk will take place at the school house. It should be remembered that women already have the privilege of suffrage in school elections. If all the frugal women of the community will pack women of the community will pack their lunch baskets, and assemble at their school houses on the morning of June 17, I am confident that the sun will be there also when the sun reaches the meridian. Of course, the members of the family under voting age will have to have dinner. So all age will spread out their lunches under some pleasant shade, and enjoy dinner together."

"After a good dinner all will be in

the right frame of mind for selecting the officers, and discussing school affairs. The patrons will have this opportunity to investigate the conditions of the school house and grounds, and see what repairs are needed; whether the school house is properly heated, lighted, and ventilated, and what books and pictures are most needed. Let us make June 17 a red-letter day for our district!"

YOUNG GIRL INJURED

Scythe in Hands of Playmate Accidentally Cuts Gaping Wound in Leg of Visiting Companion.

The fifteen-year old daughter of Mrs. Thomas Boyd who, with their two children is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ray in Dallas, was accidentally injured by a scythe in the hands of her playmate, Velma Ray, on Wednesday afternoon.

The two children were playing with the scythe which was being handled by Velma. She swung the heavy implement, which was very sharp, and struck her playmate in the right leg below the knee inflicting a gaping wound. Medical assistance was hastily summoned and it was found that the muscles of the leg had been completely severed. It was found necessary to place the little sufferer under an anesthetic and 18 or 20 stitches were taken in the wound.

The injured girl is doing as well as possible and no evil effects are feared.

File Amended Complaint.
Amended complaint in the case of Chas. Tice against the Falls City Lumber company was filed with County Clerk Smith on Saturday. This case was originally filed on December 11, 1911, and is an action for damages against the company alleging improper medical attention for plaintiff under his hospital fees paid the company, the details of which are fully related in these columns at the time of the original filing. Crawford & Crawford of Salem, appear for the plaintiff and Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, for the defendant company.

Attends Stockholders Meeting.
C. H. Morris was a visitor in Portland Wednesday where he went to attend a stockholders meeting of the United States Cashier company.

TROUBLES BOTHER ROAD DISTRICT

DISTRICT NO. 1 GETS ENTIRE
NEW SET OF OFFICIALS.

Resignation of Former Road Builders Are Accepted; Percy Lady Accepts Job For Limited Time.

Troubles which have beset the residents in road district No. 1, in Douglas precinct for some time culminated this week by the elimination of all the officials who have had charge of the work and the appointment of a new set. W. F. Schaad who has had charge of the work as supervisor has resigned and, after considerable persuasion, Percy Lady has been prevailed upon to take charge of the job for a limited time.

It is said that the people in this district have been dissatisfied with the manner in which the work on the big job there was being done. Last winter they voted a special tax of eight mills to be applied on the roads in the district and as soon as the weather permitted this spring, work was commenced. R. B. Winslow, of this city was appointed by the County Court to have entire supervision of the work and entered upon the discharge of his duties. A man was also employed to take charge of the rock crusher and Supervisor Schaad had actual charge of the men. In a few weeks dissension developed, it is said. It is claimed that the men were dissatisfied with the man in charge of the rock crusher and objected to the manner in which employment was given to the residents of the district who had voted the special tax on themselves. Some thought that favoritism was being employed and that some men were being given more work than others and complaints were constantly being made to the court.

The commissioners made an investigation and, at the suggestion of Mr. Winslow, it was decided to make a radical change in the management of the work. Mr. Winslow himself re-

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DALLAS PEOPLE TO HEAD STATE MASONIC ORDERS

Mrs. Margaret Hayter and Oscar Hayter to Lead O. E. S. and Royal Arch.

Dallas was honored this week at the session of the Masonic grand bodies in Portland, by the election of two of its citizens at the head of different branches of the order for Oregon. At the twenty-third annual meeting of the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Margaret V. Hayter was elected worthy grand matron. On the opening of the session Tuesday morning Mrs. Hayter responded to the address of welcome delivered by Mrs. Lena C. Mendenhall, worthy matron of Corinthian Chapter No. 54.

At the annual reunion of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch of the Jurisdiction of Oregon, also held in Portland, this week, Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, was elected as grand high priest.

The actions of these grand bodies insures that the headquarters of two branches of the Masonic order for Oregon will be located in Dallas for the coming year.

80 PER CENT PASS EXAMS.

148 POLK PUPILS ENTITLED TO
ENTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Sixty-one Out of 92 Successful in
Recent Trials; Few Fail in But One
or Two Branches.

Sixty-one out of 92 eighth grade pupils in Polk county schools passed the examination at the close of the last term and are entitled to their diplomas and are ready for entrance to the high schools. This brings the total number of successful ones for the year to 148, or about 80 per cent of those taking the examination, which is considered a very good record. In many instances those who failed to make the grade are down in only two or three branches and will have another opportunity in September, if they desire it.

All those who have passed the eighth grade examinations for the year are entitled to diplomas and will be presented with them if in attendance at the school picnic and county graduating exercises at Rickreall on Saturday. It is expected that fully 100, at least, will be on the platform at that time.

The complete list of those passing their grade at the recent examination, is as follows:

Dallas.
Mary Kraber, Helen Baird, Edith Coulson, Lillian Keyzer, Arthur Miles, Raymond Scott, J. D. Smith, Pauline Rickell, Elsie Munson, Albert Bennett, Lowell Stubblefield, Edward Gohrke, William Lockman, Adah Campbell, Genevieve Coad, Floyd Ellis, Eloy Nelson, Clifford Helgeson.

Dallas Route 1.
Tina Roberts, Gussie Thiesies, Ray Henton, Minnie May, Paul Nees.

Ballston.
Percy Haynes, Olive Dorton.

Monmouth.
Charles Bowman, Alta McClallen, Clarence Daniel, Oma Beckley.

Independence.

Vera McKinney, Nellie Buckner, Harold Dickinson, Armine Cooper, Esther Brightman, Oris I. Cooper, Henry Oberson, Naomi Brown, Lola Morgan.

Rickreall.
Lorenzo Allen, Glenford Brown, Verna Williamson, Alta Black.

Salem, Route 1.
Arnel Smith, Ella Ruge, Ariel Zinser, Arthra Holdridge, Rebecca Lindstrom, Golda Branson, Evangeline Jennings Roscoe Clark, Esther Porter.

Falls City.
Amy Inman, LaVern Meyers, Howard Brenner, Geneva Sayre.

McCoy.
Florence Cook, Joyle Stevenson.

Parker.
John Lacey, Raymond Frost.

Airle.
Louis Weisert, Thedra Condran, Lena Keyt, Perrydale, Harrel Dickey, Sheridan.

COLLEGE DIPLOMAS AWARDED NINE GRADUATES

CLASS OF 1912, DALLAS COLLEGE
RECEIVE THEIR DEGREES

AT ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

PROGRAM IS IMPRESSIVE

Orations Show Result of Much Effort
and Are Well Received; Entire
Affair Most Successful; Church
Decorations Prominent Feature of
Occasion.

Sober black caps and gowns amidst banks of roses made an impressive picture Wednesday morning at the graduation exercises of the class of 1912 of Dallas College.

Prof. William Caldwell played the march and the class filed down the aisle led by Dean D. M. Metzger and Rev. Chester P. Gates and took their places on the rostrum.

The large Evangelical pulpit was banked with roses. Above the dias was a motif worked out in greens and pink roses. The figures "12" were plainly discernible. Large bunches of lily were placed in conspicuous places on the pillars.

The class roll included Misses Adelle Boydston, (Bachelor of Elements); Inez Ridgeway, (Bachelor of Elements); Edna Shore, (Bachelor of Pedagogy); Ada Farmer, (Bachelor of Pedagogy); Wanda Keyt, Perrydale, (Music); Dorothy Bennett, (Music); Zula Heiland, (Music); Mearns, Elbert Farnham, (Bachelor of Elements); and A. Lester Barnhart, (Bachelor of Arts).

Program Successful.
The program was one of the most successful ever given by a preceding class. The orations deserve special mention, all of them showing much careful thought and ingenuity on the part of the composers.

A. Lester Barnhart, R. A., whose oration at the Oratorical contest held in McMinnville last month won first place in composition above several of the best orators of the state, gave an excellent presentation of a rather difficult subject, "The Dove in the Eagle's Nest." His delivery is not strong but the composition was one of the best ever written and presented in Dallas.

Another oration which deserves favorable comment was that of Elbert Farnham on "Weeds." He likened the lives of criminals and unintelligent individuals to weeds which grow up and destroy the life of "flowers" in a community. His production was very cleverly thought out and well presented.

The rest of the program was in accordance with the two above named. Misses Inez Ridgeway and Edna Shore had very creditable productions which reflected credit upon the instructors of Dallas College whose unselfishness and unfailing devotion toward the uplifting of higher education helped them to attain this end.

Urges Open Air Schools.

A picture of the lives of consumptives, and those affected with disease who are students of the public schools, exposing the healthier pupils to tuberculosis in its worst form, as is some times the case, was presented in a forceful manner by Miss Adelle Boydston. Miss Boydston suggested as a remedy for this evil, open air schools where afflicted pupils, illiterates, and those unable to make their grades on account of ill health can be placed by themselves until cured.

The diplomas were presented by Dean D. M. Metzger with a word of congratulation to each of the graduates.

Rev. Chester Paul Gates delivered the address to the class in his usual forceful style.

Rev. C. C. Poling, of Portland, gave a short business talk immediately after the program.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. S. S. Mummer, Presiding of the Evangelical conference here.